Guidelines for identifying families below the poverty line

1523. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider and modify the existing guidelines of identifying families living Below Poverty Line in the census of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the methodology of poverty estimation of Planning Commission and BPL censuses are different and door to door survey of BPL survey could achieve 100 per cent coverage; and

(c) what is the existing percentage of BPL families in Kerala as identified by the Planning Commission and BPL censuses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL: (a) The guidelines already issued for conducting the BPL Census, 2002 for identification of households living below the poverty line for targeting during the Tenth Five Year Plan contain a new methodology, which is different from the methodologies adopted in the previous BPL Censuses. Currently, there is no proposal to modify this new methodology.

(b) The BPL Census, 2002 envisages 100% coverage of rural households.

(c) Through the BPL census conducted in 1997, the Government of Kerala identified 36.56% of the rural families as BPL. As per the latest estimate of the Planning Commission, pertaining to the year 1999-2000, rural BPL population in the State was 9.38%.

Submission of utilisation certificates by States

1524. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has pointed out that State Governments have failed to submit utilisation certificates for Rs. 50 crores sanctioned under Food for Work Scheme last year;

(b) if so, which are the States to which the amount was released and have not fully forwarded the utilisation certificates;

(c) whether the Ministry has stated that there is no provision to ensure that funds were returned to the Centre if State Government failed to utilize them;

(d) whether all the States who were affected by drought have submitted their utilisation certificates to the Centre; and

(e) if not how many have not so far done so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Under the Food for Work Programme (FFWP), only foodgrains was provided free of cost and no cash component was released by the Central Government to any of the drought affected States.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) The next instalment of foodgrains under the erstwhile Food for Work Programme (FFWP) was released on receipt of lifting/ utilization certificate from the drought affected States. All the States have submitted their lifting/utilization certificate for foodgrains except Bihar.

Review of schemes

1525. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to review all the developmental schemes that have been undertaken or initiated from Rural Development Ministry such as SGRY, SGSY, IAY, PMGSY etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the States that have diverted or not utilised funds under the above schemes for the last five years; year-wise and State-wise;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The